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- X 1. An application consisting of 34 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 5 sheets of drawings is attached.
- X 2. A newly executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- X 3. Priority of Application No. 2001-094312, filed in Japan on February 21, 2001, Application No. 2001-258325, filed in Japan on August 28, 2001, and Application No. 2001-343212, filed in Japan on November 8, 2001, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy of the priority documents will be filed at a later date.
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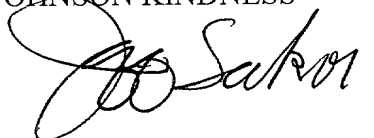
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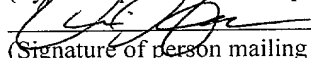
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